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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 26965

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SUBJECT: THAI RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS

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1. EMBASSY VIENTIANE HAS DESCRIBED PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DECEMBER 29 SURROUNDING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO REOPEN THAI-LAO BORDER FOR DIPLOMATIC TRAFFIC (REFTEL). WE ARE TRANSMITTING TO ADDRESSEES VIEW FROM THAI SIDE AS PROVIDED BY CONSULATE UDORN.

2. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 30 THAT THE BORDER WILL REOPEN INDEFINITELY JANUARY 1 "AS A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT" FOR MOVEMENT OF BOTH GOODS AND PEOPLE. HE SAID ENTRY POINTS WHICH WILL BE OPEN ARE NONG KHAI, THA DEUA (SIC), AND NA LAENG.

3. IN SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 30 FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS OCCURRING ALONG THE LAO BORDER. HE ALSO SAID THAT PDRL
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FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH HAS NOT YET REPLIED

TO HIS INVITATION TO COME TO BANGKOK FOR JANUARY SOUTHEAST
ASIAN MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIA, CHATCHAI DENIED PRESS
REPORT THAT CAMBODIA HAS REJECTED HIS PROPOSAL TO MEET
WITH IENG SARY TO DISCUSS THE BORDER PROBLEM IN TA PHRAYA
DISTRICT. CHATCHAI STATED THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAVE
JUST NOT REPLIED AS OF YET TO THE PROPOSAL.
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